(b) the reasons for not breaking even are as under:

- Sluggish market, resulting in low Net Sales Realisation (NSR)
- Almost 55% of production comprises of semis, which fetches poor realization.
- Higher interest and depreciation cost on modernisation/capital schemes while the benefit of modernisation would materialise in phases.

(c) and (d) Value addition to Durgapur Steel Plant products is being done by maximimising output from finishing mills, increasing production of special grades and conversion of semis to finished products by outside agencies, including Indian Iron & Steel Company Limited. Finishing capacity at DSP could also be augmented once funds are available.

Loss of SAIL

2508. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what were the figures of loss of SAIL, as on 31st March, 2002;

(b) which of its steel plant are earning profit and which are suffering losses;

(c) what steps are being taken to make all the plants profit earning; and

(d) whether SAIL is likely to break even this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The accumulated net loss of SAIL as on 31.03.2002 is Rs. 2461 crores.

(b) Bhilai Steel Plant is the profit making unit of SAIL. The loss making units are as under:

- Durgapur Steel Plant
- Rourkela Steel Plant
- Bokaro Steel Plant
- Alloy Steel Plant
- Salem Steel Plant
- Visvesvaraya Iron & Steel Plant

(c) and (d) SAIL is not likely to break even this year. However,

various steps are being taken to improve the profitability of SAIL Plants/ Units which are as under:

- Intensive cost control drive.
- Implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS).
- Market oriented product-mix.
- Restriction on fresh investment proposals.
- Financial/Business restructuring of SAIL was approved by the Government of India in February, 2000 to improve profitability and enhance the resource availability.

Drug scam at Busan

2509. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of our athletes tested positive for Nandrolone, at the Busan Asian Games, concluded recently;

(b) if so, what are the complete details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any action against the officials and doctors for such lapses and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, one of our athletes, namely, Sushree Sunita Rani, who won one Gold Medal and one Bronze Medal in the Busan Asian Games-2002, tested positive for use of 'Nandrolone'.

(c) Government has constituted a High Level Committee, under the Chairmanship of former Secretary (Youth Affairs and Sports), Shri S.S. Sharma, to inquire into the circumstances responsible for and leading to the above-said incident. The Committee has also been asked to go into the respective role of the Amateur Athletic Federatiion of India (AAFI), Sports Authority of India (SAI), manager and the accompanying coach and to suggest measures which could have been taken to avoid such a situation, ascribe responsibility, wherever possible, and recommend measures to prevent recurrence of such instances. The Committee has